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LETTER DATED 6 FEBRUARY 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance, cause provocation and break the sound barrier continued over the period 21-31 January 1995.

21 January 1995

Southern region: 91 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Jalibah and Salman.

On 21 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1020 hours and the other at 1330 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1135 and 1400 hours respectively.

22 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Salman, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 22 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1132 hours and the other at 1425 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1251 and 1504 hours respectively.

At 2030 hours on 22 January 1995, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

23 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, the area to the south of Najaf, Qurnah and Artawi.

At 1130 hours on 23 January 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1228 hours.

24 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Samawah, Basra, Jalibah and Busayyah.

25 January 1995

Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah and Busayyah.

On 25 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, one at 1000 hours and the other at 1255. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1105 and 1357 hours respectively.

26 January 1995

Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Safwan and Jabal Sanam.

27 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah and Jalibah.

At 1604 hours on 27 January 1995, a hostile formation consisting of two aircraft broke the sound barrier over the city of Nasiriyah.

28 January 1995

Southern region: 54 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi and Busayyah.

29 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 66 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Ushbayjah and Lasaf.

On 29 January 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1142 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1340 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1440 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1602 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1615 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1645 hours.

30 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Basra and Chabaish.

On 30 January 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country at 1245 hours. They left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 and 1341 hours respectively.

31 January 1995

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

On 31 January 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in areas in the south of the country, as follows:

1. The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0955 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 hours.

2. The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1040 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1315 hours.

3. The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1250 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1320 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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